GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:965
ANSWERED ON:06.03.2002
BAN ON GUTKA, PAN MASALA AND SMOKING
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to ban on the use of gutka, pan masala which are the main cause of cancer;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(c): The Government introduced a draft legislation namely, `The Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Bill, 2001` for discouraging the consumption of tobacco and tobacco products including gutka.

The above mentioned Bill was subsequently referred to the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development on 12th March, 2001 for examination and report.The Committee presented its report to Rajya Sabha on 5th December, 2001. The Government is deliberating upon the recommendation made by the Standing Committee.